

New York, Sept. 4, 1844.

Mrs. M. W. Chapman;

Dear Friend,

My removal to this place, has of course made an end, for the present, of my operations as a printer, a circumstance which I deeply regret, for it was a great pleasure to me to be connected with an anti-slavery press. I should not have left a position so agreeable to myself, but for reasons of paramount force. The truth was, I feared I should get involved in pecuniary embarrassment, and instead of repaying those to whose kindness I was so deeply indebted for the means of prosecuting my small business, be compelled to ask further indulgence, while the prospect of ultimate remuneration was constantly diminishing. In such circumstances I could not hesitate to accept the offer of a place which would be almost certain ~~entirely~~ to relieve me from impending difficulty. Such a course appeared to me to be due not only to myself, but still more to the friends to whose generosity I was so deeply indebted.

Thus much by way of preface to a petition for a new favor which it is the object of this letter to seek at your hands. I am still indebted to my generous friend Francis Jackson for a part of the small capital which he furnished me two years since. This debt I am anxious to discharge. While in Boston last month I sold my printing materials, on the best terms I could obtain, to Andrews, Prentiss & Studley, Devonshire Street, agreeing to take my

pay in printing. If I can obtain work to put into their hands, I shall at once have the means of paying friend Jackson. Now, Mrs. Cheftman, you have no doubt anticipated my wish. I solicit the privilege of ringing the next Liberty Bell by proxy. Andrews, Prentiss & Studley are among the very best printers in the City. They print the Christian Examiner, and their work is always in good taste. Their materials are almost new, and one of the firm (Mr. Prentiss) will take pride and pleasure in serving you. They will be able, no doubt, to work as rapidly in an emergency as you could desire, though of course they would prefer not to be crowded.

Now, my dear friends, if you can grant me this favor, I shall feel grateful to you, as I do for the many acts of kindness which I have already received at your hands. If, for any reason, you wish to give the work to some one else, I hope my request will not embarrass you, for I shall have no reason ^{in that case.} to complain. It would afford me great pleasure to do the work, once more with my own hands, but as that is out of my power, I hope to be able when the time comes to assist the Fair in some other way.

Mrs. Johnson is in pretty good health, and quite happy in her novel but exceedingly useful position. I spent the last Sunday with her. Her heart as well as mine dwells much amidst the endearments of our Boston home. We still feel that we are one with you in every new struggle for the advancement of the good cause. We talk much of you and all your movements whenever we meet, and rejoice heartily in the success which appears every where to follow your efforts.

Sydney Gray gets along grandly here, but works
himself much too hard. He keeps every pin in the ma-
chine well oiled, and all the parts work delightfully. He
was certainly made on purpose to fill this post.

Wishing a kind remembrance to your sisters
and others who know me, and desiring to hear from you at
your earliest convenience, I remain, Mrs. Chapman,

Truly & gratefully,
Yours, &c.

O. Johnson.

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Mrs. M. W. Chapman,
25 Cornhill,
Boston,
or at Newmarket.



Dear Mother
Sept 4th /44
Depart in school of
Chapman, Smith & Smith
Beverly Mass
for the purpose of care

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